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COLD STORAGE REPORT
AS OF AUGUST 1, 1940



Nearly all items of cold storage stocks on August 1 showed increases over a month earlier with the exception of meats and lard, the Agricultural Marketing Service reports. Substantial increases were noted in stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables and of dairy products and eggs. Aggregate stocks of all frozen poultry were increased only slightly. The individual items, broilers, fryers, fowls, ducks, miscellaneous and unclassified varieties increased considerably; but these were off-set by reductions in stocks of roasters and turkeys.

Total holdings of frozen fruits were increased during July by 29 million pounds, frozen vegetables by 19 million, creamery butter by 43 million, all cheese 24 million, shell eggs by 260 thousand cases and frozen egg-meats by 4-1/2 million pounds.

Frozen and cured meat stocks were reduced by 56 million pounds and lard stocks by nearly 4 million.

Reports from 180 public warehouses indicate that 58 percent of available net piling space was occupied on August 1. This compares with 56 percent for July 1. The average occupancy of coolers was 54 percent compared with 52 for July 1 and freezers 69 percent, compared with 65.

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FROZEN FRUITS

Total stocks of all varieties of frozen fruits were increased during July by 29,387,000 pounds. August 1 holdings totaling 150,280,000 pounds were 18,144,000 heavier than those of a year earlier and 36,435,000 pounds above the 5-year (1935-39) average for August 1.

Of the total quantity reported 36,802,000 pounds were unclassified by variety.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of all varieties of frozen vegetables reported totaled 71,774,000 pounds. Of this quantity 3,242,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety. The net increase during July was 19,086,000 pounds. This increase was largely accounted for by snap beans with 1,528,000 pounds, green peas with 17,612,000, and unclassified varieties with 801,000 pounds. Other items remained about the same as July 1 or indicated slight decreases.

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Commodity		August 1,			
		5-yr. av. 1935-39	August 1, 1939	July 1, 1940	August 1, 1940
<u>- Thousands -</u>					
Blackberries	pounds	Data	2,004	2,665	3,776
Blueberries	"	for	2,621	2,159	1,794
Cherries	"	these	22,021	8,499	21,136
Young, Logan, Boysen, etc	"	earlier	4,474	2,351	3,529
Raspberries	"	years	11,532	4,738	13,324
Strawberries	"	not	51,001	55,177	56,006
Other fruits	"	compara-	14,905	12,665	13,913
Classification not reported	"	ble	23,578	32,639	36,802
TOTAL	"	113,845	132,136	120,893	150,280

Asparagus	pounds		6,472	7,438	7,138
Beans, Lima	"		8,087	8,300	8,388
Beans, snap	"	His-	6,312	3,781	5,309
Broccoli, green	"	torical	941	1,133	1,047
Corn, sweet	"	data	4,462	4,292	4,064
Peas, green	"	not	28,040	17,978	35,590
Spinach	"	avail-	2,999	4,682	4,328
Other vegetables	"	able	1,911	2,643	2,668
Classification not reported	"		4,062	2,441	3,242
TOTAL	"		63,286	52,688	71,774

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS

JULY 1 and AUGUST 1, 1940

Commodity		In small containers (Less than 30 lb. capacity)	In bulk or large containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)		
		July 1	August 1	July 1	August 1
<u>- Thousand pounds -</u>					
Blackberries	120	135		2,545	3,641
Blueberries	805	741		1,354	1,053
Cherries	532	1,613		7,967	19,523
Logan and similar berries ..	926	755		1,425	2,774
Raspberries	958	1,468		3,780	11,856
Strawberries	13,313	12,071		41,864	43,935
Other fruits	3,384	3,190		9,281	10,723
Classification not reported	3,251	5,611		29,388	31,191
TOTAL	23,289	25,584		97,604	124,696

The continued seasonal into-storage movement of creamery butter during July was 43,239,000 pounds. This movement was considerably heavier (nearly 10 million pounds) than that for July a year ago; and slightly heavier ($1\frac{1}{2}$ million) than the 5-year (1935-39) average movement. August 1, 1940, stocks totaling 124,244,000 pounds were 40,939,000 less than those of August 1, 1939 and 18,794,000 less than the 5-year average for August 1. Dairy Products Marketing Association reported no stocks, and the Surplus Marketing Administration held 837,000 pounds. A year earlier the Dairy Products Marketing Association held 16,999,000 pounds and the F.S.C.C. 15,358,000 pounds. Therefore present commercial stocks of 123,407,000 pounds compare with commercial holdings on August 1, 1939 of 132,826,000 and the 5-year average of 132,756,000 pounds.

Stocks of all varieties of cheese totaling 138,030,000 pounds exceeded those of a year earlier by 20,432,000 and the 5-year average by 25,577,000 pounds.

The net increase in shell egg stocks during July was 260,000 cases and frozen eggs 4,563,000 pounds. This represents a total case equivalent of 391,000 cases. August 1 totaling a case equivalent of 12,200,000 exceeded those of August 1, 1939 by 1,051,000 cases and the average by 837,000.

The Surplus Marketing Administration reported holdings of 1,067,522 cases of shell eggs for relief distribution.

Total holdings of all varieties of frozen poultry (82,361,000 pounds) were in excess of those of August 1 a year ago by 17,443,000 pounds and the 5-year average by 26,745,000. Stocks of turkeys were reduced during July by 7,194,000 and roasters by 1,012,000 pounds. All other items indicated net increases.

Commodity	August 1, 5-yr. av. 1935-39	August 1, 1939	July 1, 1940	August 1, 1940
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent 40-qt.cans	246	202	279	278
Twenty percent " "	11	1	6	4
BUTTER				
Creamery, total ... pounds	143,038	165,183	81,005	124,244
DPMA holdings "		16,999	-	-
SMA* & Relief holdings "		15,358	2,153	837
Commercial stocks "	132,756	132,826	78,852	123,407
Packing stock "	577	69	23	51
CHEESE				
American pounds	95,121	97,448	96,143	115,989
Swiss including block "	4,183	4,661	3,158	3,959
Brick and Munster ... "	1,341	1,577	1,364	1,541
Limburger "	1,173	1,813	1,149	1,312
All other varieties . "	10,635	12,099	12,548	15,229
TOTAL CHEESE ... "	112,453	117,598	114,362	138,030
EGGS				
Shell cases ...	7,487	7,024	7,513	1/ 7,773
Frozen pounds ..	135,665	144,359	150,366	154,929
Frozen 2/ equivalent cases	3,876	4,125	4,296	4,427
TOTAL EGGS 3/ . cases	11,363	11,149	11,809	12,200
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers pounds ...	6,956	7,494	4,842	6,290
Fryers " ...	2,133	2,490	1,774	1,813
Roasters " ...	4,965	5,963	4,613	3,601
Fowls " ...	9,952	12,925	16,347	18,326
Turkeys " ...	12,382	14,211	36,724	29,530
Ducks " ...	6,634	7,849	5,028	8,230
Miscellaneous poultry " ...	12,594	13,986	10,598	11,790
Unclassified fro. poultry,lbs.	4/	4/	2,510	2,781
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY,lbs.	55,616	64,913	82,336	82,361

*Surplus Marketing Administration (formerly the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation)

1/ Includes 1,067,522 cases owned by the Surplus Marketing Administration.

2/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

3/ SPECIAL NOTE: 85 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of August 1, 1940, were classified as follows: Whites 31 percent; Yolks 23 percent; and Mixed 46 percent.

4/ Carried under "Miscellaneous poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

MEATS AND LARD

Stocks of frozen and cured meats were reduced by nearly 56 million pounds during July. Beef holdings were 4 million less than on July 1, pork holdings 50 million and miscellaneous items 2 million pounds less.

Holdings of all frozen and cured meats totaling 671,369,000 pounds exceeded those of a year earlier by 112 million pounds and the 5-year (1935-39) average by 144 million.

Lard stocks were reduced by 4 million pounds during the month. The August 1 holdings of 303 million pounds, however, exceeded those of a year earlier by 163 million pounds and the average for August 1 by 182 million pounds.

The Surplus Marketing Administration reported that, at the close of business on July 27, it owned for delivery 95,257,000 pounds of pork and 88,113,000 pounds of lard.

Commodity	August 1,			
	5-yr. av. 1935-39	August 1, 1959	July 1, 1940	August 1,, 1940
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen	28,045	22,157	35,762	31,821
In process of cure	9,547	7,943	7,344	7,120
Cured	5,055	3,356	2,866	3,036
TOTAL BEEF	42,647	33,456	45,972	41,977
PORK				
Frozen	115,215	155,129	262,401	217,629
Dry salt in process of cure	43,587	54,129	51,650	52,830
Dry salt cured	37,279	38,649	40,133	41,341
Pickled in process of cure	139,371	130,269	144,324	144,461
Pickled cured	87,126	76,590	100,014	92,510
TOTAL PORK	422,578	454,766	598,522	548,771
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen	1,858	1,893	3,254	3,337
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured	59,874	69,013	79,368	77,284
TOTAL MEATS	526,957	559,128	727,116	671,369
LARD	121,182	139,815	306,774	303,068

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HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, AUGUST 1, 1940

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts	4	5,004	1,876	120	2,644	6,025
Other States		790	424	38	920	346
NEW ENGLAND		5,794	2,300	158	3,564	6,371
New York	181	12,781	12,066	761	7,526	17,871
New Jersey		8,214	4,695	588	8,324	10,708
Pennsylvania	17	6,383	1,884	387	5,137	3,528
MIDDLE ATLANTIC ...		27,378	18,645	1,736	20,987	32,107
Ohio	8	6,010	869	563	9,384	2,074
Indiana		1,290	231	45	2,497	454
Illinois	4	28,780	6,356	2,146	27,646	16,269
Michigan	4	4,441	955	273	1,651	1,341
Wisconsin	14	3,126	62,048	86	1,732	493
EAST N. CENTRAL ...		43,647	70,459	3,113	42,910	20,631
Minnesota	16	12,058	839	244	4,952	1,851
Iowa		5,673	48	168	5,109	547
Missouri	22	3,432	3,179	486	26,092	4,006
Nebraska		2,803	634	150	8,105	4,022
Kansas		1,486	473	263	11,220	278
Dakotas		1,287	~	7	198	2
WEST N. CENTRAL ...		26,739	5,173	1,318	55,676	10,706
SOUTH ATLANTIC		1,485	3,813	186	3,141	1,828
Kentucky		700	498	43	825	1,445
Tennessee		572	874	175	1,268	170
Alabama & Mississippi		297	420	31	352	68
EAST S. CENTRAL ...		1,569	1,792	249	2,445	1,683
Oklahoma		1,963	69	62	4,841	58
Texas		2,255	3,078	131	12,249	551
Arkansas & Louisiana		594	373	28	1,516	58
WEST S. CENTRAL ...		4,812	3,520	221	18,606	667
Colorado		1,248	325	91	1,074	228
Other States		988	2,566	44	228	478
MOUNTAIN		2,236	2,891	135	1,302	706
Washington		4,583	518	194	1,462	2,021
Oregon		461	808	26	436	749
California		5,540	6,070	437	4,400	4,892
PACIFIC		10,584	7,396	657	6,298	7,662
Other States, combined for cream only	10					
UNITED STATES	280	124,244	115,989	7,773	154,939	82,361

OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE
IN PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

UNITED STATES

August 1, 1940, with comparisons

Date	Number concerns reporting	Available space			Space occupied		
		Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
<u>= Thousand cubic feet =</u>							
January 1	251	100,770	50,119	150,889	44,899	33,185	78,084
February 1 ...	260	104,785	52,229	157,014	40,424	34,726	75,150
March 1	256	108,387	50,473	158,860	38,313	32,156	70,469
April 1	250	114,126	54,707	168,833	44,305	32,186	76,491
May 1	243	102,321	47,791	150,112	42,914	27,153	70,067
June 1	237	101,681	47,120	148,801	48,007	27,751	75,758
July 1 * ...	239	107,321	51,037	158,358	59,633	34,336	93,969
August 1 ** ..	180	83,809	39,738	123,547	50,987	28,861	79,848

* Revised

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PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

JULY 1 AND AUGUST 1, 1940

Geo- graphic division	July 1, 1940 *			August 1, 1940 **				
	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Number concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
		- Percent -				- Percent -		
New England	10	42	51	46	8	42	38	40
Middle Atlantic ..	51	48	60	52	40	52	68	56
East North Central	42	74	68	72	38	77	69	74
West North Central	28	74	83	77	24	79	83	80
South Atlantic ...	30	49	63	53	15	46	75	55
East South Central	6	49	63	54	1	51	57	52
West South Central	18	48	72	54	16	54	68	58
Mountain	12	51	69	57	10	48	82	58
Pacific	42	27	62	36	30	31	76	41
United States 1/	239	52	65	56	180	54	69	58

* Revised

** Preliminary

1/ Result of weighting geographic division percentage figures by respective proportion of total U. S. available space in public cold storage warehouses.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, AUGUST 1, 1940, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

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Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total	- Thousands -	
											West North Central	South Atlantic
<u>FRUITS, FROZEN</u>												
In small containers												
Blackberries	3	20	45	3	5	2	2	-	57	135	741	1,613
Blueberries	17	545	137	3	34	4	4	-	72	1,640	755	1,468
Cherries	"	31	1,208	46	89	1	1	-	640	459	1,459	12,071
Logan and similar berries	"	1	14	72	12	16	16	-	459	4,896	8,801	8,801
Raspberries	"	139	246	361	129	9	9	-	245	61	4,225	4,225
Strawberries	"	943	2,124	1,814	429	1,330	225	-	36	4,225	4,225	4,225
Other fruits	"	216	2,107	1,438	105	249	425	-	-	-	-	-
In bulk or large containers												
Blackberries	17	690	210	387	923	19	35	2	1,358	3,641	3,641	3,641
Blueberries	44	677	133	172	23	3	1	-	-	1,053	1,053	1,053
Cherries	"	132	12,455	3,336	392	133	52	67	478	1,978	19,523	19,523
Logan and similar berries	"	17	128	264	54	57	20	-	118	2,116	2,774	2,774
Raspberries	"	592	4,347	1,969	447	188	134	19	13	4,147	11,856	11,856
Strawberries	"	1,276	9,950	6,874	1,630	3,892	155	19	413	18,917	43,935	43,935
Other fruits	"	156	13,254	4,257	391	891	202	565	512	21,686	41,914	41,914
Total, all containers												
Blackberries	20	710	255	390	928	19	37	2	1,415	3,776	3,776	3,776
Blueberries	"	61	1,222	270	175	57	5	3	-	1,794	1,794	1,794
Cherries	"	163	13,663	3,999	438	222	52	71	478	2,050	21,136	21,136
Logan and similar berries	"	18	142	336	60	69	21	1	118	2,764	3,529	3,529
Raspberries	"	731	4,593	2,330	576	297	143	35	13	4,606	13,324	13,324
Strawberries	"	2,219	12,074	8,683	2,059	5,222	384	1,073	474	23,813	56,006	56,006
Other fruits	"	372	15,361	5,695	496	1,140	627	601	512	25,911	50,715	50,715
<u>VEGETABLES, FROZEN</u>												
Asparagus												
Beans, Lima	180	4,963	154	186	20	92	5	5	761	7,138	8,388	8,388
Beans, snap	"	173	6,591	930	158	266	40	73	5	152	5,309	5,309
Broccoli, green	"	111	4,122	677	88	179	3	55	7	67	1,047	1,047
Corn, sweet	"	45	611	106	36	90	11	22	1	123	4,064	4,064
Peas, green	"	286	1,999	601	389	171	23	50	4	541	35,590	35,590
Spinach, etc.	"	1,543	20,790	3,593	3,036	670	119	180	52	5,607	4,328	4,328
Other vegetables	"	208	2,396	1,111	64	249	16	54	2	228	5,910	5,910
	"	116	1,873	666	305	364	8	214	665	1,699	5,910	5,910

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, AUGUST 1, 1940, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D).

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	East South Central	South Mountain	Pacific	Total
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DAIRY PRODUCTS										
Cream, Forty percent	40 " qt. cans	8	199	28	39	1	3	-	-	278
Cream, Twenty percent	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Butter, creamery 1/4 pound	pounds	5,794	27,378	43,647	26,739	1,485	1,569	4,812	2,236	10,584
Butter, packing stock	"	-	-	-	21	-	-	21	-	51
Cheese, American	"	2,300	18,645	70,459	5,173	3,813	1,792	3,520	2,891	7,396
Cheese, Swiss including block	"	-	720	2,800	32	48	5	56	142	115,989
Cheese, Brick and Munster	"	-	93	1,188	63	2	4	105	85	3,959
Cheese, Limburger	"	-	306	969	35	1	-	1	1	1,541
Cheese, all other varieties	"	851	8,878	1,825	724	232	1,215	420	317	1,312
Eggs, shell	cases	158	1,736	3,113	1,318	186	249	221	135	657
Eggs, frozen	pounds	3,564	20,987	42,910	55,676	3,141	2,445	18,606	1,302	6,298
FROZEN POULTRY										
Broilers	pounds	89	1,145	1,182	2,918	56	69	41	28	762
Fryers	"	27	247	928	452	38	19	3	6	93
Roasters	"	249	1,282	1,316	265	301	23	1	-	1,813
Poults	"	471	7,642	6,437	1,637	303	220	484	383	3,601
Turkeys	"	4,446	10,264	5,636	2,732	808	161	79	199	18,326
Ducks	"	856	6,124	902	110	127	6	7	2	5,205
Miscellaneous Fowltry	"	228	4,744	3,989	980	187	1,119	28	9	29,530
Unclassified frozen poultry	"	5	659	241	1,612	8	66	24	79	3,230
MEATS and LARD										
Beef, frozen	pounds	1,389	6,058	10,421	6,472	991	502	2,375	590	3,023
Beef, in process of cure	"	10	1,144	4,112	1,274	178	53	146	19	184
Beef, cured	"	7	807	1,581	460	87	-	18	27	7,120
Pork, frozen	"	2,673	12,185	77,781	101,052	7,172	3,915	3,810	2,468	6,573
Pork, dry salt in process of cure	"	674	1,772	19,762	25,884	1,482	1,162	1,212	275	217,629
Pork, dry salt cured	"	442	557	15,995	20,407	1,959	439	975	281	52,830
Pork, pickled in process of cure	"	5,536	9,721	51,151	61,871	3,795	1,777	4,118	1,950	41,341
Pork, pickled cured	"	1,818	3,510	37,867	41,972	1,566	974	938	1,153	144,461
Lamb and mutton, frozen	"	166	1,712	657	274	99	-	177	5	2,712
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal	"	1,151	10,463	23,033	29,795	5,638	1,699	2,002	1,471	2,032
Lard	"	1,133	8,031	236,350	49,571	1,939	707	2,154	1,246	1,937

^{1/} Includes DEMA, SMA, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

